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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" In view of the opinion held by the Government that 'it is educationally undesirable that a student should be attending lectures in some subjects when he is preparing for examination in other subjects not taught to him in his class room,' may I know how in Trivandrum Law College they allow such a thing ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" What is considered as good by the Travancore Government may not be considered so by the Madras Government."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Since the Government obtained this opinion, viz., that it is undesirable 'that a student should be attending lectures . . . etc.,' so long ago as 1925, can they not attempt to elicit a fresh opinion now ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am still of opinion that it is educationally undesirable. There are peculiar conditions prevailing in Madras and it would not be suitable to adopt the system proposed."

*Special lectures in the Madras Law College.*

* 40 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many special lectures were given in the Law College each year during the last two years ;

(*b*) what amount was spent every year for this purpose ; and

(*c*) what percentage of students on an average attended these lectures ?

*A.*—(*a*) 62 in 1926–27.
55 in 1927–28.

(*b*) Rs. 15,000 during each of the two years.

(*c*) As attendance was not taken during the special lectures, it is not possible to give the information required under this head.

Mr. A. B SHETTY :—" May I know whether it is a fact that only a small number of students on an average attend these special lectures."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

*Progress made by the Committee to co-opt Agricultural Education with that of Arts.*

* 41 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the progress made in the work of the Committee to co-opt Agricultural education with that of Arts ?

*A.*—The final report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Public Instruction to work out detailed proposals for the teaching of the elements of agriculture in select higher elementary and secondary schools has not yet been received. The Director has been asked to expedite the submission of the report.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" May I know definitely in what stage the work of the Committee is ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The final report of the Committee has not yet been received. So I cannot say definitely at what stage the progress of the committee is."

## Local Boards

*Nominations to taluk boards in North Arcot district.*

* 42 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many nominated seats fell vacant in the several taluk boards in the North Arcot district at the end of March 1928;

(b) the names of persons nominated by the District Board President to these vacancies with the caste of such nominees;

(c) the number of members in each taluk board in North Arcot district castewar previous to these nominations;

(d) whether as a result of the nominations (after March 1928) any seats usually allotted to and generally reserved for minority interests such as Christians, Adi-Dravidas and Mussalmans were filled up by persons not belonging to such minority interests or castes;

(e) whether the hon. Minister had occasion to warn the District Board President against such misuse of his power of nomination to the detriment of minority interests;

(f) whether the District Board President continued to persist in such misuse of his power of nomination even after such warning; and

(g) what is the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

*A.*—(a) *to* (d) & (f) The Government have called for the information.

(e) Yes.

(g) The question will be considered on receipt of the information called for.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (a) will the Government be pleased to state whether they will get information only for North Arcot district or for other districts also ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question refers only to North Arcot district."

*Overhauling of the Bantwal-Charmadi road.*

* 43 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government decided to treat the Bantwal-Charmadi road in South Kanara as a trunk or imperial road;

(b) whether the District Board, South Kanara, asked Government to sanction any and if so, what amount for overhauling the road; and

(c) whether any amount will be sanctioned or is to be provided for?

*A.*—(a) The road has been classified as a trunk road with effect from 1928–29.

(b) The President, District Board, South Kanara, applied for a special grant of Rs. 15,000 to re-metal and repair the damaged portions of the road.

(c) The President has been asked to include the work in his application for grants for 1929–30.